Employment opportunities in the country

978. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any new proposal under Government's consideration to provide employment to all educated and uneducated, skilled/unskilled persons in the country particularly in the State of Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). The Eighth Plan envisages a strategy for achieving the goal of near-full employment situation in the country as a whole by the year 2002. The goal is sought to be achieved by accelerating growth of productive employment opportunities on the basis of faster growth of employment intensive sectors, sub-sectors and activities.

Allocation of funds under MPs local area development scheme

979. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of money has been released under the M.P.L.A.D.S. so far, state-wise alongwith the number of MPs (Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha); and

(b) how many MPs have complained regarding non-receipt of the fund so far, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and the same will be laid on the Table of the House.

Growth of per capita income

980. DR B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the growth of per capita income during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for low growth of per capita income; and

(c) steps taken to accelerate growth rate of per capita income?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) The growth of Per Capita Net National Product at constant (1980-81) prices improved during the last three years from the decline by 2.0 per cent in 1991-92 to an increase of 2.2 per cent in 1992-93 and a further increase of 2.5 per cent in 1993-94.

(c) The growth oriented policies of the Government, investments and programmes under the Eighth Five Year Plan and the process of ongoing economic reforms will help to increase the per capita income.

Infrastructure projects in North-Eastern States

981. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of major infrastructure projects being executed in the North Eastern States;

(b) whether any target dates have been fixed for their completion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) action taken for their timely completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) Keeping in view the priorities laid down in plans, funds are provided by the Centre & States to implementing agencies. For most of the projects funds are earmarked and monitored by respective Ministries to ensure their completion as per targets subject to availability of funds.